



South Wellington Coin Society

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TREASURERS REPORT

As per my order list, there are still some members that have not paid yet. Please pay as soon as possible so that we can finally send the order out. If you are unable to attend our meeting please send it directly to me. Cheques should be made to the "South Wellington Coin Society" and I will send you a receipt by return post.

There are still some members that have not Renewed their membership for this year. I urge you to do so as soon as possible in order to receive our newsletter and more important not to loose your "Charter Member" status.

South Wellington Coin Society

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MEETINGS

7:30 on the first Wed. of every Month
at the Eramosa Community Library (Rockwood)

1997-1998 EXECUTIVE

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The South Wellington Coin Society November meeting was well attended as the members heard Bob Zmija update us on the new design for our next medal. As with our inaugural medal Bob has come up with another beautiful design and is about to make SWCS members proud once again. Great job Bob!

Mike Hollingshead provided the members with a video produced by the Royal Canadian Mint on the \$2.00 coin. Members learned about how the coin was produced as well as how several people tried to take it apart when it was released to the public.

Decembers meeting will see the membership treated to some 'special' goodies as we wind down the year with some Christmas cheer! Members should see about bringing a friend who may be interested in experiencing one of our meetings. Be sure to bring a coin or token along from your collection to talk or 'brag' about.

This months bulletin has an attached article about one of the pioneer collectors of Canada Mr. F.J. Grenny of Brantford. Mr. Grenny was an active collector/dealer in the late 1800's. This article is reprinted from the CNA Bulletin of December 1954 written by the late Sheldon S. Carroll.

OBITUARY: The SWCS mourns the loss of Jeffrey Hoare who passed away in October. The South Wellington Coin Society sends out deepest condolences and heart felt prayers to the family.

COMING EVENTS:

Woodstock Collectibles Show and Sale,
December 27th 10:30am-4pm at the
Oxford Auditorium, 875 Nellis St.
Admission \$2.00. Contact Ian Ward 519-426-8875

Good Coins to Save

*On the "extra
water line" 19.
there is a fou
waterline that
runs through the
letters "k*



1970 twenty-five cents--

1968 (non-magnetic)

and earlier

1970

1973 "mountie" with
large bust

1983

1991

1992 provincial
commemorative

fifty cents--

1967 and earlier

1968-1976

1977

1978-1985

1986-date

one dollar--

1967 and earlier

1968-1986 nickel

1992 loon-type

valued for the silver content
low mintage (< 11 million)

132 beads around Queen's head;
very valuable variety

low mintage

extremely low mintage (.5 million)

hard to find in circulation

valued for the silver content
hard to find in circulation

low mintage

hard to find in circulation

lower & lower mintages

valued for the silver content
hard to find in circulation
only 4.2 million minted

one cent--

"young head" cents
(1964 and earlier)

1965 pointed 5 cent

1985 pointed 5 cent

five cents--

all 12-sided nickels,
plus 1963

1964 extra water line

1967 "rabbit" nickel

1970

1991

1992 commemorative

ten cents--

1968 (non-magnetic)

and earlier

getting harder to find

rare & valuable variety

rare & valuable variety

getting harder to find

rare & valuable variety

commemorative, hard to

low mintage (< 6 million)

low mintage (< 11 million)

hard to find in circulation

valued for the silver content
low mintage (< 11 million)

F.J. GRENNY - EARLY CANADIAN COIN DEALER

Not a great deal is known today about F.J. Grenny, except that he was one of Canada's early coin dealers and that he conducted his business at Brantford, Ontario, during the 1890's. As was the custom among merchants of all kinds in those days, Grenny issued a token or counter check, which P.N. Breton listed in his 1894 edition as No. 836 and Dr. Jos. Leroux listed as No. 1070j. Breton tells us that 200 were struck from composite dies and issued for use. He also states that: "Mr. F.J. Grenny, who is now 50 years of age, has been collecting coins since 1870." The obverse inscription of the token reads as follows: "F.J.GRENNY/PHILATELIST/&/NUMISMATIST/ONT/BRANTFORD"; and the reverse reads: "GOOD FOR/50/CENTS/IN TRADE". This piece is not common today and has been bringing around \$1.50 in uncirculated condition at auction. It is found in four metals - aluminum, brass, copper, and nickel.

In addition to this counter check there are other souvenirs of Grenny - his price lists - but they are scarcer than his tokens. Several years ago, the writer obtained a copy of Grenny's retail and buying list of Canadian coins and tokens. Unfortunately the booklet is undated, but careful examination of it produces evidence that it must have been issued after 1892 and in all probability not later than 1894. The front cover carries the following inscription: "Catalogue and Prices - Both Canadian and United States - Including Other Information - Price Ten Cents". Grenny's name and address is inside on the last page of the booklet. Not only does this little booklet, in its 48 pages, give us his buying and selling prices of Canadian and U.S. coins, but it also gives us information on such varied topics as Legal and Business Facts, Brokers' Technicalities, Railroad Signals and even two examples of numismatic poetry! However, his retail prices of Canadian coins and tokens are of chief interest to today's collectors. The decimal series is almost completely ignored, but those that are listed are rather startling. For example, he offered Canadian large cents - 1876-81-82-84-86-87-88-90-91, 9 pieces, Unc. all for 50¢ and (this will arouse the most phlegmatic collector) New Brunswick, 5¢ pieces, 1862-64, both for 25¢! He listed very few rare tokens but his prices on the common and medium-priced tokens, in many cases, are very close to today's market prices. Just one word about buying prices in the 1890's: Grenny was prepared to buy Newfoundland \$2 gold pieces at \$2.10 each.

Recently the writer was very fortunate in being able to obtain several more copies of this interesting souvenir of early Canadian numismatics. Copies are now in the libraries of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Association, and the American Numismatic Society.

The writer also has in his library a copy of another Grenny price list, also undated, and bearing on its front the following information: "Catalogue of Scarce Communion Tokens Used by Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion of Canada. For Sale at the Prices Affixed by F.J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont., Canada. Numbers are by Dr. Leroux's Canadian Coin Cabinet and Supplement, and McLachlan's Canadian Communion Tokens". An interesting feature of this particular copy is that someone has stroked out "Brantford" in lead pencil and written below: "Hurdman's Bridge near Ottawa, Ont." Hurdman's Bridge is now well within the city limits of Ottawa. This list appears to have been issued at about the same time as the other.

Price lists and catalogues such as these occasionally turn up in second-hand book-stores. Numismatists would be well advised to secure any that may become available. These historical links with Canada's numismatic past are steadily becoming scarcer and more valuable.

--Major Sheldon S. Carroll, CD.

AUCTION FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC, 2nd 1998

<u>LOT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EST.VALUE</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>BID</u>
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NEWFOUNDLAND

1.	Newfoundland LG. Cent 1936	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	
2.	Newfoundland 5c 1882H	\$ 17.00	\$ 8.50	
3.	Newfoundland 5c 1888	\$18.00	\$ 9.00	
4.	Newfoundland 5c 1940c	\$15.00	\$ 7.50	
5.	Newfoundland 5c 1945c	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	
6.	Newfoundland 10c 1888	\$17.00	\$ 8.50	
7.	Newfoundland 10c 1941c	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.00	
8.	Newfoundland 20c 1865	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.50	
9.	Newfoundland 20c 1872H	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	
10.	Newfoundland 50c 1874	\$25.00	\$12.50	
11.	Newfoundland 50c 1908	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	

12.	France 10 Francs 1965	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	
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United States of America

13.	Silver Dollar 1891o	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	
14.	Silver Dollar 1896	\$15.00	\$ 7.50	
15.	Silver Dollar 1921	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	
16.	Silver Dollar 1921s	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	
17.	Silver Dollar 1922	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	

Commemorative Half Dollars

18.	Columbian Half 1893	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	
19.	Stone Mountain 1925	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	
20.	Carver/Washington 1952	\$12.00	\$ 6.00	